commercial/State cooperative/rural banks. This scheme is to be implemented in ten states *viz.* Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Manipur, Mizoram, Orissa, Eastern UP and West Bengal.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The Scheme is approved only for Eastern India.

Agri-clinics and Agri-business Centres in Andhra Pradesh

4678. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's scheme of Agri-clinics and Agri-business Centres for the benefit of unemployed graduates in agriculture and allied subjects has evoked poor response in Andhra Pradesh, as per the data made available by NABARD;

(b) if so, whether NABARD has formulated this scheme for rural areas;

(c) whether the guidelines were also circulated amongst the financing banks and the departments of the State Governments;

(d) if so, what are the main reasons for the same; and

(e) whether any steps have been taken to popularize this scheme in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The scheme of Agri-clinics and Agri-business Centres has evoked very good response from the State of Andhra Pradesh. As on 30.4.2002, 401 agricultural graduates from Andhra Pradesh have responded for undergoing training in response to the advertisement released by Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC).

The scheme has been launched with the objective of providing extension services to farmers with a view to increasing production and productivity and for improving their income.

The Scheme has been formulated for implementation all over India with special emphasis to rural areas.

The guideline for implementation of the scheme have been circulated by NABARD among all financing banks and copies of the guideline have also been sent to the concerned departments of the State Government *vide* NABARD's circular dated 23.7.2001.

(e) The following steps have been taken to popularize the scheme all over India including in the State of Andhra Pradesh:

Copies of guidelines have been sent to all financing banks, concerned Departments of State Governments.

Guidelines have also been placed on the website of NABARD.

An Advertisement highlighting the salient features of the scheme and soliciting applications for imparting necessary training to agricultural graduates was issued by SFAC.

Brochure/Handouts have been published in local languages and circulated/displayed among prospective entrepreneurs/ banks etc.

One day workshop were organized by NABARD for bank officials, agricultural universities, etc. in different States.

Fishing harbour facilities at ports

4679. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether fishing harbour facilities are being provided at all the major and minor ports of the country to boost fishery industry in the country;